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Dear Sir/madam

As a resident of Sharpness I wish to register my concerns about the amount of houses proposed for the local area.

The proposed development of five thousand houses between Berkeley and Sharpness, plus the further four hundred and ninety houses planned for this rural area is excessive. I thought Stroud District Council was not in favour of merging existing towns/villages. This development would be detrimental to the countryside and country living.

The amount of houses would put extreme pressure on the existing infrastructure/resources:-

Access to the A38 - The amount of cars/lorries currently using the two existing access points is already high.

Health Care - The Marybrook Surgery is already struggling and cannot cope with the amount of people they are dealing with in this area. There are rumours circulating about the surgery being sold and redeveloped.

Education - Berkeley Vale Secondary school sold. Current owners; if future plans are to be believed, plan to sell and houses built on the land. We have two primary schools in the area both schools seem to be struggling with overcrowding. Two secondary feeder schools KLB and Rednock currently full and some children are being bussed out of the area.

We would not get any new schools until the majority of new houses had been bought. What happens to children's education until new schools are built?

Pollution - Air pollution. The removal of mature hedges/mature trees will reduce the air quality.

Sewage - The increased amount of sewage could seriously put a strain on the existing sewage works located near Sharpness Docks. A possibility of raw sewage spilling into the River Severn!

Light Pollution - Increased due to the amount of housing proposed.

Flooding - The land in and around the proposed development area is prone to flooding how do they propose to cope with the extra water produced from run off?

Carbon Footprint - This will be increased due to the amount of people/cars in the area and the destruction of Mature Trees and Hedgerows.

Proposed Train Station/Bus Service- This would only happen when a significant amount of house being built are sold. People will use cars adding to the pollution and strain on the access onto the A38.

Impact on Wildlife - Lastly and very importantly is the serious impact on wildlife. Birds, the loss of habitat, nesting sites etc and animals their homes. We should be encouraging wildlife not destroying it. The loss of hedgerows and mature trees will only add to the increased risk to flooding and poorer air quality.

In conclusion this proposed development would be detrimental to this rural area.

Yours faithfully

